

The Forward O. P.

Many schemes for raising money to aid the Hiway Improvement project are advanced from time to time. One of the latest is a suggestion to repeat the softball game played last year between the Joshua Cuties and the Tired Old Men of 29 Palms. In fact a home and home series of two games might prove profitable. Negotiations are now under way, according to the grapevine.



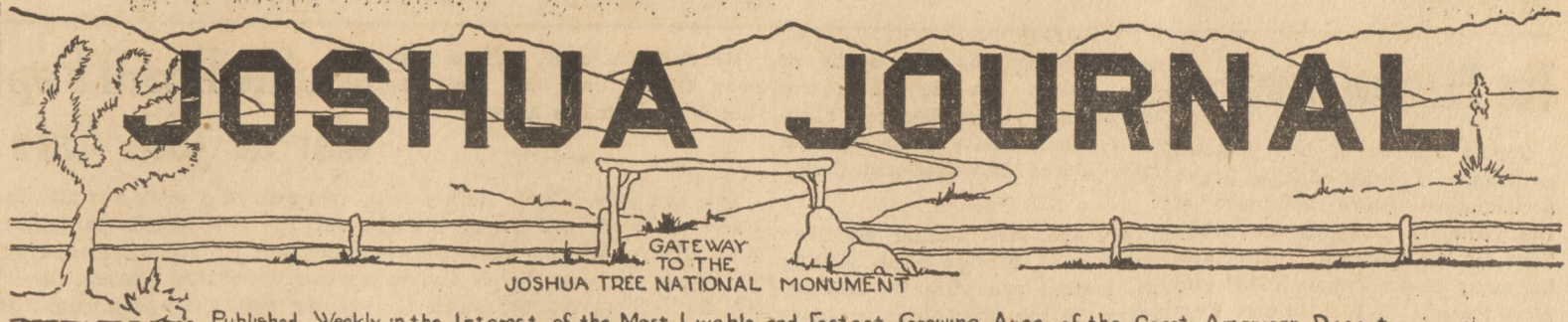
Burning the midnight oil sometimes has its compensations. For instance, after pounding the typewriter until after midnight last Sunday I happened to glance at the sky before hitting the pillow. Beautiful cloud fragments were sneaking up from the tips of the mountains and crawling across the face of a brilliant desert moon, while off to the west the grand daddy of all cloud banks was forming around old Grayback. A chorus of shrill yaps broke the night stillness, echoed for a time, and then subsided as a shadow blackened the foothills. And to complement the cool green and blue of the night the morning sunrise flamed in red and gold splendor a few hours later. The selfsame clouds, it seemed, had stayed to throw off the cool touch of night and now were joying in the warmth of a new days sun.

My sympathy goes out to those who have to live where every night is damp and dismal and the sun strikes nothing but a bank of fog that holds everything in its clammy grasp until high noon when the smoke and smells of the crowded city bring tears to every eye. Not for me, brother, I'll take the desert every time.

Whitehorn Ranch Gets Electric Line

This week the California Electric Company crew will complete the work of installing electric lines into the Whitehorn Ranch development just west of the Joshua Tree business district, according to a statement by Meredith Willey, ranch manager. The lines are now being strung on the poles recently set.

It is planned to start pumping from the water well as soon as power is turned on. Willey reported that floodlights will be installed and extensive landscaping done at the Ranch tract office. Two homes already built and others in the planning stage will benefit from the new power line. James F. Whitehorn of Los Angeles and Palm Springs is the developer of the Ranch which is situated south of the 29 Palms Hiway.



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Supervisors Told of Hiway Improvement

Doin's 'round the Diggin's



GOBLIN'S RETREAT

Have you looked on a land . . .
The goblins have heckled,
Down through the centuries of time
Seen its ravines . . . the fangs that are broken
In the jaws where the out-croppings stand?
Stood in the passion of silence . . . or storm
To vision the struggle that's been,
Tried to resist it . . . the dare to expose it,
Have feared it, then finally gave in?
Breathed of its air . . .
Its high peaks have filtered,
And swept from the clouds with the pines;
Nourished your soul in the peace of its stillness
And dreamed of its fabulous mines.
Then you are drugged with a drug that is lasting
Cursed by a curse that's the worst . . .
You're caught, and I'll venture you love it
'Tis a fever . . . akin to a thirst.

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Joshua Tree Population Jumps

Two proud papas were busy Joshua Tree ambulance. John Coulter was the driver and Mrs. Frank Wilberg attended the expectant mother.

Next to arrive was an 8 pound 5 ounce boy who has been named Bruce Roy Marble. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Marble was born at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 13th at St. Bernardines Hospital in San Bernardino. Mother and son are expected home the end of this week. Mrs. Marble also was a passenger in the Joshua Tree Ambulance on her trip to the hospital. John Coulter drove and Jo Larsen was the attendant.

Presenting a request for County participation in the improvement of the road from 29 Palms to the Colorado River a committee from the Baseline Highway Improvement Association met early last week with the Board of Supervisors and Highway officials of San Bernardino County. George Savard of Parker Dam, president, Charles Watkins,

Assay and Chemical Lab Building On Mine Property

Complete equipment for an assay and chemical laboratory at the Walter D. Jinkins office on Yucca Mesa near Joshua Tree is now being installed and will be in operation in a short time, according to the developer of the mining property. The laboratory, said Jinkins, is a necessity for the continued development of his own interests, and, in addition will be available for servicing other miners who wish to have ore samples analyzed.

A furnace for heat methods and a full assortment of chemical apparatus has been received from the manufacturers and is now being set up in a new addition recently completed at the Jinkins office. A Geiger counter to determine the degree of radioactivity in ore, a fluorescent light and fluoroscope are also available for the use of miners in assaying ore qualities.

With the completion of discovery and assessment work activity at the claims has slowed down to await the installation of heavier equipment. It is expected that quantity production will be started soon.

Promising traces of gold, silver and platinum have been located and many non-precious metals are believed to be available in profitable quantities. Reliable sources have intimated that arsenite, lead and cinibar can be taken out in commercial volume.

Re-opening of many mines thru-out California, particularly in the northern counties, has been the cause of greatly increased interest and activity on the part of prospectors and miners in this area, too. Many claims have already been filed near Joshua Tree and in the 29 Palms area and prospectors in great numbers are seeking to discover rich veins of gold and other minerals so necessary to industry.

The road improvement project now under way east of Twentynine Palms is expected to open vast areas that have recently been more or less inaccessible to easy prospecting. From the air great quartz ledges have been seen and a veritable happy hunting ground for rock hounds is known to exist along the old road now being opened for travel.

PLAYOFF GAMES
Wednesday — Oilers versus winner of Kenney-Broiler game.
Thursday — Josh Cubs versus loser of Kenney-Broiler game.

vice president, director Jimmie Rich and M. G. "Watty" Watkins of 29 Palms spent an hour before the board answering questions and telling of the opening of a former mining road to provide a short, high-level route to the Arizona boundary.

The Supervisors appeared to take a great deal of interest in the project but could offer no immediate action. They were invited to inspect the road. The committee reported that favorable action might be expected.

Printed petitions asking that the County accept the road into its highway system have been prepared and circulated thruout the county. It is hoped to get ten thousand signatures, say Association officials. The petition points out that the road will be the means of bringing thru San Bernardino County much traffic that now is forced to circumvent this area.

A meeting at Yucca Valley last Friday night was attended by close to sixty of which nearly half were women. Speeches by Yucca Valley directors and other officials of the Association were received enthusiastically. Several hundred dollars were added to the funds for the road project. Additional payments on previous pledges helped to swell the total.

Work on hauling clay from Dale Lake was stopped the last two days of last week because not enough

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P. T. A. Outlines Fall Program

Starting the autumn activity of the Joshua Tree Parent Teacher Association will be a pot luck dinner to be held at the School Building on September 21st, it was decided at the Board meeting held last Tuesday, August 19th. The supper will be a "get acquainted" affair in honor of the new school teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich.

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Mayme Delaney the Board members also voted to have a merry-go-round built for the play yard at the school. Payment for the device will be made at the concession booth operated by PTA members on Turtle Race Day. Gerald Papendick has volunteered to contribute his services in erecting playground equipment presently on hand.

At the board session were Mrs. Gerald Papendick, Mrs. Harry Wheeler, Mrs. Fred Marble, Mrs. Melvin Bryant, Mrs. Mayme Delaney and Kenneth L. Williams. The September board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Marble.

Plans for another local talent show are also in the making.

The Personal Touch

Sophia Pancoe of Los Angeles and Arthur J. Hood of Long Beach accompanied Steve Moninger of the Townsite Company to Joshua Tree for the weekend. "After seeing many desert communities" said Miss Pancoe, "I like Joshua Tree best of all."

Office furniture—Lyon's Furn. Co.

Miss Nancy Marble entertained a group of her friends on the occasion of her tenth birthday on Saturday, August 7th, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marble. Enjoying the games that were played during the afternoon were Norma Ojala, Dorothy Duval, Jerry Ann Giles, Joan Papendick, Becky Bryant, Shirley and Ramona Jones, Geraldine Hunt and Sandra Van Tassel. Later refreshments were served and the young hostess cut her Birthday Cake.

Visiting the Charles A. Mitchells on Grandview last week end were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell of North Hollywood. J. E. and his wife are frequent visitors at the home of his Joshua Tree Brother.

William J. Denson of Minonk, Illinois, was a visitor at the Journal office last Sunday. With his father and brothers Mr. Denson publishes a newspaper in the Illinois town. He is looking for a spot on the desert in which to regain his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Bunker varied their usual routine and spent the weekend at Idyllwild in the mountains.

Frozen Vegetables — Trading Post.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloom returned last Thursday from Bottineau, North Dakota, where they had gone because of the serious illness of Mrs. Bloom's mother, Mrs. Kathinka Asker. Their visit

was saddened by the death of Mrs. Asker. On the return trip the Blooms visited George's nephew in North Platte, Nebraska, and later toured Zion National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McMillen spent most of last week visiting his mother and sister in Los Angeles. During their absence Louise Williams substituted for Mrs. McMillen in the Post Office.

Frozen Fish — Trading Post.

Frank E. Force, Columnist on the San Diego Journal, his brother, A. W. Force of Brainerd, Minnesota, and H. J. Price retired Naval Officer of San Diego were Joshua Tree visitors last week end. They inspected the Turkey Ranches at Sun Valley Acres and were much interested in the Mining Project near Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Drygor were weekend visitors in our community. The Drygors own property in Yucca Valley.

"Rancho Ruth" and "Deadwood Dick" Davis of Hollywood were visitors at the McMillen menage last Sunday. The Davis' are confirmed Desert Rats and enjoy every opportunity to get out into the wide open spaces. Incidentally, they own and operate an offset printing business in the city of the Movie Stars.

Delicious Ice Cream Nut Roll, 69c — Desert Trading Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carver of Artesia were guests at the Ohlson's Ranch in the Monument last Wednesday. On Thursday they were entertained by Mrs. Julia Laughlin and Mrs. Edythe Fraetis at a picnic lunch at Indian Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips were away several days last week visiting a niece in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Rufner of Monterey Park and their niece, Miss Gladys Weiss, were guests last week at Lock Haven Courts. Mr. Rufner expects to return for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rodda of Bellflower were visitors last week end at the Journal office. The Rodda's own a home on Yucca Mesa to which they come on week ends.

Kenneth L. Williams and John L. Duncan were San Bernardino visitors on Monday. They attended to business matters at the County Seat.

Patio furniture — Lyon's Furn. Co.

Bob and Jo Larsen spent last Sunday morning watching Doc Fairbanks give his racing Greyhounds a workout on the Dry Lake near Sun Valley.

Bouchey's Prepare For Fall Opening

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bouchey returned last week from a summer vacation and are now preparing their cocktail lounge and cafe for the fall season which opens September 1st. Tommy and Gwen spent the summer opening a guest ranch at the Melrose Ranch in Hidden Valley near Escondido. This delightful retreat in the mountains consists of a Mediterranean type home of 20 rooms, a swimming pool

Shuffle Board Popular at Josh Cafe

Inaugurated a week ago last Saturday the new shuffleboard game at the Josh cafe has attracted many Twenty-nine Palms players. On the opening night a five man team from Long Beach staged an exhibition for local players. On the team were Ray Minner, Captain, Hal Fedden, Ray Randall, Erv Imfeld and Bud Neese.

Phil Phillips, Josh Cafe owner, is now organizing men's and women's leagues and a service club league is contemplated. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donovan are in charge of the two \$750.00 regulation tables. They will also instruct any persons interested in learning the game. The tables will be available for play daily from 10:00 A.M. until midnight.

Platform Rockers—Lyons Furn. Co.

and stables. It is only a short distance from Lake Wohlford, an excellent fishing spot.

John Hamilton of Yucca Valley furnished the horses for the guest ranch and is remaining for an indefinite stay.

Women's Club to Have Rummage And Bake Sale

The first rummage sale ever to be held in Joshua Tree will be conducted by the Women's Club on Saturday, August 21st, according to an announcement by Mrs. Frank Cook, President. In connection with the rummage sale at the Drug Store Building on the highway will be a sale of home baked foods. The sponsors report that it will be an all day affair.

Mrs. Flo McGill is chairman of the committee handling the arrangements of the sale. Members of the club are busy collecting various items of merchandise to be offered at the rummage and many examples of famous Joshua Tree cooking will be offered for sale.

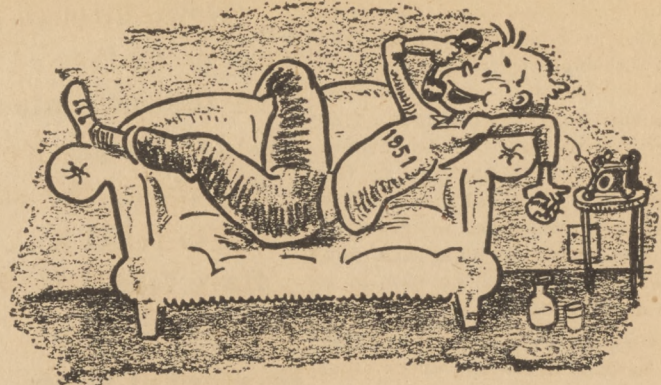
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Morongo Valley Notes

By Ruth Hale

Mr. and Mrs. De Faus Geil are on vacation and expect to be gone a month or more. They plan to visit in Oregon and Washington. In "Pop's" absence Johnnie Keyes will call the dances on Saturday night in Yucca.

Mr. David Grosbeck has returned from a visit to his sister's in Alhambra.

Rummage and Home Baked Food Sale. See Display Ad, page 2.

Vera Martin is home again after a visit in Los Angeles and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fobes left on Monday for Pasadena. As soon as they see their daughter off for New York they will return to their home in Palm Wells Valley where they expect to stay for several weeks. Their daughter Pat (Miss Morongo) was chosen by Ken Robey, a New York producer, to take part in a Broadway Production.

The weather was so cool in Morongo Sunday night that a new fireplace in Palm Wells was used for the first time and was christened by Sharon Sales.

Chrome Sets — Lyons Furn. Co.

Mrs. Adger Hutchinson of Tujunga was the house guest of Vera Martin this weekend.

The Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting on August the 26th. The people of the Valley are urged to attend. Suggestions for the improvement of the Valley are solicited and the organization is open for constructive criticism, say the officers.

The Peloquins, former operators of the Morongo Inn Cafe, have traded their interests for a business in Beaumont it was reported this week. The new owners of the Cafe business are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butterbaugh of Joshua Tree and Beaumont. The Butterbaughs plan to reopen the first of September and will conduct the business under the name of the Hilltop Cafe.

Armstrong Linoleum—Lyons Furn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pastore and their children, Janet and Dickie, whose home is in Tujunga are visiting Mrs. Pastore's mother, Mrs. Floyd of Lamming Lane. They expect to remain here for two weeks.

Desert Music Group Started

A group of ten musicians from Yucca Valley and surrounding desert area held its first meeting on Sunday, August 15th, at Yucca Valley. Under the leadership of Martel Ferris the musicians, most of them former professional entertainers, have organized an orchestra for the purpose of providing chamber music and dance tunes for local occasions.

Miss H. M. Tierney of Palm Springs has given the newly formed orchestra a piano. For the present meetings and rehearsals will be held in Don Van Camp's office in the Woody Vance Building at Yucca Valley. Others interested in joining the group are asked to submit their names to Martel Ferris.

Prepare Peaches Now for Christmas Dinner

California's peaches are coming into local markets now. They are always good. . . but think how much better they'll taste when served as an accompaniment to your Christmas or Thanksgiving dinner, suggests Emily M. Parker, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, University of California Agricultural Extension Division. She recommends preparing the

firm, well-colored, mature freestone fruit of the Elberta, J. H. Hale, or Rio Oso Gems for freezing. The steps are simple . . . just peel, cut into quarters, halves, or slices into a suitable container, and cover with a cold sirup made of two to three cups of sugar to one quart of water. If darkening has been a problem in your freezing in the past, you may wish to add a gram of granular ascorbic acid to each quart of the cold sirup. This amount would be equal to one teaspoon of ascorbic acid to three quarts of sirup.

To go back to a suitable container . . . cardboard, heavily waxed inside and heat sealable will do. Glass jars with straight sides are good if you buy those made specially for this use. Any other type of glass jar may break during the freezing or thawing processes. Tin cans with tight fitting lids, pliofilm, laminated paper, heavy locker paper which is wax coated on one side, or leak-proof containers made of moisture-vapor-resistant cello-

phane, are further possibilities.

As soon as your fruit is prepared take the packages to the locker plant or put them in your home freezing unit. Freeze them quickly and then store them at 0 degrees F or lower.

A pamphlet entitled "Freezing Storage" is available without charge at the Agricultural Extension Service office, Room 7, Post Office, Riverside, for further instructions on freezing peaches and all other fruits and vegetables.

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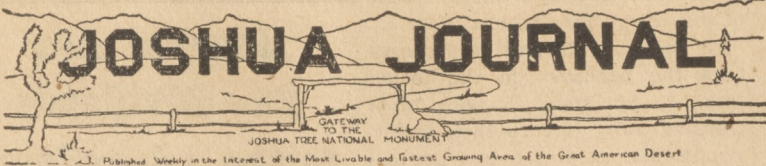
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WE POINT, BUT NOT WITH PRIDE

The Journal takes pride in pointing out to its readers the good things about our community and derives therefrom a pardonable satisfaction. On the other hand we feel that it is the duty of a newspaper to bring to the attention of everyone concerned the, fortunately, infrequent imperfections in our otherwise enviable existence. All of which leads us to the point that something is beginning to stink in Joshua Tree.

That something is the garbage, empty tin cans and other rubbish that some few small-souled, lazy, barn-raised residents have been dumping on the beautiful hillside lots on Sunrise Terrace north of the Hiway. Those who indulge in that filthy habit probably don't have brains enough to understand the principles of health and sanitation that should be observed in order to make any community a safe place in which to live.

There is an adequate garbage and rubbish collection service that maintains a weekly collection schedule. This is available to all householders for a small monthly payment. The men who operate this service are licensed by the County. They know the exact location of the town dump and they regularly burn the accumulated trash.

There is also a well marked road that leads to the dump. This is open to the public and may be used by anyone who prefers to do his own hauling. To be sure, it means travelling three or four miles each way.

If an appeal to personal and civic pride has no effect then there remains to any citizen the right to complain to County Health authorities. To report such filthy infractions of ordinary common-sense health rules should be a pleasure as well as a civic duty.

It is hard to believe that normally intelligent people will resort to the inconsiderate practice of dumping garbage on another person's property. If the practice continues it will endanger the health of the entire community. If an appeal to common sense does no good then an appeal to the officials is in order.

"WHEELS A-ROLLING!"

This is the season when travel is king! More than a million visitors are knocking on California's gates, says the California Automobile Club. And similarly, many Californians are on the move to vacation spots throughout the Nation.

Perhaps the most spectacular out-of-state pageant attracting Westerners is the Chicago Railroad Fair, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first train run out of that city. Tens of thousands of sightseers from all over the Nation are viewing the spectacle daily.

Appropriately, the Fair's official song is "Wheels a-Rolling!" Fifty acres of exhibits spotlight the proud history of the old Iron Horse that did so much to strengthen the economic sinews of the Nation. Highlighted, too, are the great technological advances which have contributed vitally to distribution of staples and luxuries that enhance American living standards. The vast important freight service to the West is graphically illustrated.

In California, however, where industry and agriculture are dependent in large degree on speedy rail transportation, management believes that the "rules of the road" must be brought up to date. The obsolete Excess Crew Law of 1911 must be modernized, and featherbedding must be ended, if the State's progress is to keep pace with that of the rest of the Nation.

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By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

It is August on the desert but about four o'clock this morning I realized that I was uncomfortably cold. Trying to get warm, I curled up with my knees under my chin; but still I was cold! Several blankets were in a near-by closet. I was fully aware of my need and physically able to get at them, and yet I tried to fool myself that I could get along, somehow, without extra protection.

By the time I scrambled out of bed to get another cover, I was fully awake. It may have been my conscience but I seemed to hear someone saying, "In the Father's Store-House there is always ready, and available, a full supply for every need, but humans are usually too skeptical or too indolent to take advantage of their opportunities."

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Sparks from the
News Circuit

BY LEONE BAXTER

California drivers soon may be feeling their way through a re-scrambled motor vehicle code as cautiously as through a road-muffling fog!

Proposals now under consideration by the State Motor Vehicle Advisory Committee call for many innovations in California motoring. And if the State Legislature adopts them, both drivers and pedestrians may come out next year with fewer casualties than in any year since gasoline became the elixir of life, and fast driving the epitome of entertainment.

The most significant proposal would put iron into present palid penalties for drunken driving. That offense today is classified as a misdemeanor, and the penalties are often slack unless personal injury occurs. In such a case, it's a felony. Under the proposed law, property damage resulting from drunk driving would become a felony as well.

Many people, pondering the 8-months jail sentence recently passed on the Alameda driver who killed two children and injured 14 others — after drinking "only 4 or 5 highballs" — feel that increased minimum jail sentences for such major offenses undoubtedly would have a sobering effect.

One proposal being studied is a requirement that motorists whose licenses are about to expire be notified by the Motor Vehicles Department. Anyone who has ever been stopped by a traffic officer

and asked to show a driver's license that expired two months previously would welcome such consideration.

Another probable code amendment would relieve drivers of responsibility for accidents involving dogs and cats not on leashes. The most ardent animal lovers have been known unintentionally to hit dogs that dart unexpectedly in front of their cars. And drivers have often caused serious accidents attempting to avoid such mishaps.

One proposal would require the operator's license to be displayed in a windshield frame when a vehicle is in operation. Another bans street selling in the roadway. And another would require that vehicles pulling ½ ton trailers be held down to 45 miles an hour.

Given the opportunity, many a driver undoubtedly would add some pet provisions of his own to the motor vehicle code — a law, perhaps, prohibiting trucks traveling 8 miles an hour on an upgrade from trying to pass other trucks, going 4 miles an hour!

Drivers in a hurry to get home at night would like to see special treatment, possibly for the snail's-pace drivers who block the fast lanes on multi-lane highways.

And surely there should be a very special statute applying to ladies whose motoring signals mean simply that they are drying their nail polish!

Any readers who wish may clip those suggestions, add a gripe or two of their own, and send them on to the Motor Vehicle Department's suggestion box. While the Department is hearing its own experts, it may as well hear firsthand from the motoring public.

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SPORTS

Victory over Wildcats Puts Cubs in Playoff

The Joshua Tree Cubs softball team cinched fourth place in the 29 Palms League by a lopsided win over the Lafferty Wildcats in the last game of a double-header last Wednesday night at Gilpin Field. The final score was 24 to 4.

Nearly every member of the Cubs had a field night at the plate and the fielding of the locals was much improved. A beneficial switch in the line-up put Bill Bethel at second base and Carl Miller in the outfield. The Wildcats were hampered by a shortage of regular players.

Fred Marble and Joe Arch were the mound artists for the winners. Pierce and Lafferty shared the pitching assignment for the high-schoolers.

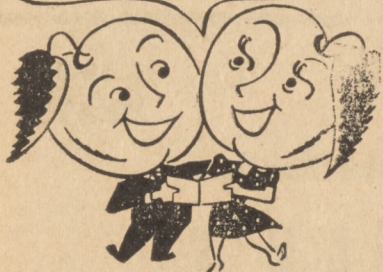
The Cubs will participate in the season playoff to determine the league champions which starts Wednesday night at the 29 Palms diamond. An exhibition game with an out of town team was played at Sportsman's Field in Joshua Tree Monday night.

League Standings

	Won	Lost
Broilers	13	2
Kenney's	13	2
Oilers	8	7
Josh Cubs	5	10
Lafferty's	3	12
Marks	3	12

Peaches Spell....

SUMMER



By BETTY BARCLAY

If summer comes, can peaches be far behind? From Georgia to Maine and all the way out to California, peaches are the favorite of most everyone. Carry them on picnics, serve them sliced for breakfast, or in a shortcake or — and here is one of their very best uses! Make them into a Fresh Peach Crisp, served warm from the oven with rich cream poured over them. Your favorite man will say that's his favorite dish, you can be quite sure!

Fresh Peach Crisp

3 cups sliced fresh peaches
 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
 2 to 4 tablespoons sugar or honey
 1 tablespoon melted butter
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

3 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon flour
 1 1/2 cups raisin bran

Mix together peaches, lemon juice, sugar, melted butter, salt, and cinnamon. Turn into deep 8-inch baking dish.

Cream butter; add sugar and flour and mix well. Add cereal and crumble together. Spread over peaches. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking 10 minutes longer, or until peaches are tender. Serve warm with cream. Makes 4 servings.

Softball Playoff Starts Wednesday

The four top teams in the 29 Palms Softball League will start a three game playoff session on Wednesday night at Gilpin Field to determine the finalists in a seven game series to follow. Winner of the battle between Kenney Drug and Smoke Tree Broiler on Monday night will meet the third place Oilers on Wednesday night.

The loser of the game between the tied top teams will engage the Joshua Cubs in the first of a three game series on Thursday evening. Succeeding games will be played on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The two surviving nines will then play a seven game series to determine the season champions.

On late season performances the dope favors the Smoke Tree Broiler aggregation. In the first few games the Kenney men will be handicapped by absence of several key players who are on vacation. When they return it will be a case of smart fielding and a heady pitcher with a baffling delivery against a speedball artist and a team of heavy hitters, provided both teams survive the semi-final round.

The Oilers started well but had an up and down season as evidenced by their final standing of 8 won and 7 lost games. The Joshua Cubs,

starting the season with only a third of last years champion regulars, were definitely in and outers with the emphasis on the latter. Lack of teamwork and a tendency to fall apart in the pinches was characteristic of their play. Hitting and fielding have improved, however, and the Cubs still have a chance — but strictly a dark horse chance — to win.

Both the semi-finals and the 7 game championship series should prove exciting and large turnouts at all games are expected.

Art Sheridan has been named as umpire-in-chief by the softball commission, with Ralph Nichols as alternate.

Bruins Cop Third Place in Jr. League

A 14 to 7 win last Friday night over the Mixon Lumber team gave the Joshua Tree Bruins third place in the final league softball standings and a chance to participate in the finals. The first playoff game will be Friday night of this week at Gilpin Field between the Bruins and the Houser-Nichols nine.

Batteries for the Mixon team were Bob Hughes and McCutcheon. Killer Wilson pitched for the Bruins and Scotty Marble was behind the plate. Other positions on the Bruins were filled by Kenny Ballard, 1st base; Dor Braham, 2nd base; Mike Stumfall, 3rd base; Tommy Stumfall, shortstop; Dale Weston, left field; Billy Brown,

Baseball Results

Kenney Drug Ends Season with Win

Playing without the services of several regular players the Kenney Druggists brought their season to a successful close by defeating a stubborn Oiler team 8 to 4 last Wednesday night. This gave the Drugmen a record of 13 wins against 2 losses for the season.

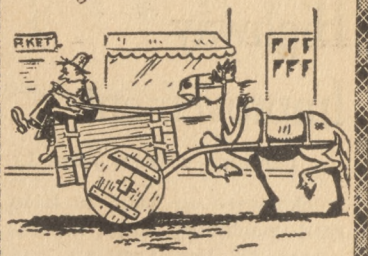
Tom Nicoll gave up 9 scattered hits and fanned 7 Oiler batters. His team mates bunched their hits against Fuzzy Mann to gain the decision.

Broiler Gains Tie For First Place

By trimming the cellar tenant Character Room last Thursday night 14 to 3 the Smoke Tree Broiler ended up as co-holders of the Softball League leadership. Basil Ryan and Company had it all their own way and were in no danger during the fray. After a hesitant start early in the season the Broiler began to click and ended the season with a record of 13 games won to 2 lost.

Contributing to the Bruins victory were home runs by Kenny Ballard and Dale Weston.

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Highway Improvement

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trucks were on hand to keep the road machinery busy, it was reported by Pat Lafferty, superintendent of the road work. Officials said that a half dozen trucks will be available this week and topping will continue. Another thirty days will see the road in good shape for passenger traffic, it is estimated by the builders.

Fund raising activities are continuing without let-up. Many letters have been sent out to persons thruout southern California and returns have been gratifying. Jars, iron pots and many other receptacles are in evidence in most of the business establishments in the communities along the 29 Palms Highway into which patrons are urged to drop their spare change and loose bills. Last week on Tuesday night the 29 Palms Theater gave the first of four weekly benefit shows for the road project. Plans for the selling of tickets for

a lot given by O. D. Thomas of Yucca Mesa are now in the making.

On Friday night of this week an open meeting will be held in Morongo Valley at 8 P.M. Speakers will report on the progress to date and a further drive for funds will be made.

Aiding the drive for funds which is now in progress much favorable publicity has been given by other County newspapers. The San Bernardino Sun on Wednesday last week carried a full account of the meeting of the committee with the Board of Supervisors.

Rummage and Home Baked Food Sale. See Display Ad, page 2.

Church Corner

By EDYTHE FRAETIS

Our Sunday School is doing nicely this summer although several members left when school closed last spring. New members have been added, however, and on Sunday our attendance was thirty-two. Mrs. H. K. Lee is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

After a vacation of two months Dr. David C. Williams will resume Church services in September.

Dr. Williams announces that construction of our new chapel will begin very soon. As Mrs. Kirch planned to place the names of all donors in the corner stone we will be pleased to receive the contributions of all who pledged in order that their names may be included in the list.

Soluble Coffee for Fine Flavors



By BETTY BARCLAY

For many centuries a steaming cup of hot coffee has been a beverage whose virtues have been extolled in verse and set to music. Only recently, however, has coffee been used extensively as a flavoring. The many advantages of soluble coffee as an ingredient explain why an increasing number of American women are discovering the boundless possibilities of this subtle flavor in desserts, cookies, and a growing list of other flavorful dishes.

Try the following delicious recipes using soluble coffee:

Baked Coffee Soufflé

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Instant Maxwell House
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- 3 egg yolks
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
- 3 egg whites

Melt butter in saucepan. Add flour, salt, Instant Maxwell House, and water and stir until smooth. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Beat egg yolks until thick and light; add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Add coffee mixture and vanilla. Beat egg whites until they will hold up in moist peaks. Fold in coffee-egg mixture. Turn into

greased 1-quart casserole. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 45 minutes, or until done. Serve with custard sauce or cream. Makes 6 servings.

Coffee Ice Cream

- 4 teaspoons Instant Maxwell House
- 2 teaspoons Minute Gelatine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- Dash of salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups light cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla

Combine Instant Maxwell House, Minute Gelatine, sugar, and salt in saucepan. Add milk and place over medium heat until gelatine is dissolved, stirring constantly... about 2 or 3 minutes. Add cream and vanilla. Turn into freezing tray of automatic refrigerator, setting control for coldest freezing temperature. When partially frozen, remove from tray and beat with rotary egg beater until fluffy and smooth. Return to tray and freeze 30 minutes longer; stir. Then freeze until firm. Freezing time: 3 to 4 hours. Makes 1 quart.

Note: Milk may be increased to $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups and light cream decreased to $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups, if desired.

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Greenhorn Gardener

By Ruth Hale

August is the month to do a clean-up job in the garden, pulling out the plants which have stopped producing and burning debris which can't be used in your mulch pile or pit. Burn the corn stalks for they are often infested with worms.

This area being so dry, I don't know how quickly the refuse will deteriorate for mulch. The procedure is to put a layer of grass clippings (if any) weeds and old plants in the pit or pile, wetting it down frequently and then throwing some fertilizer on top, more refuse and then more fertilizer and so on. A pit may be dug in the sand or if you are extra ambitious, a concrete pit may be built. By utilizing the garden refuse for mulch, you can save quite a bit on your fertilizer bill.

As the clean-up progresses, watch out for ant and gopher holes. Get busy on these and rid your garden area of them. Of course anting and tracking down gophers is a constant job. There are various kinds of poisons which can be used and if you keep these on hand, have a special place for them up high out of the reach of children and pets.

As to planting your winter garden, both vegetable and flowers, it might be wise to consult your local nurseryman so he can tell you what to plant in your particular

area. Usually, plants of the cabbage family, onions and turnips do well for a late crop.

This week I visited a new home where they are using native trees and plants in their landscaping. They were fortunate in having many Greasewood Trees already there. They are experimenting with these by trimming some of them like a conventional tree. They transplanted a number of desert willows which seem to be doing very well. There are athels planted in a row as a wind-break and many other desert plants which make a very pleasing setting for their little home. So far the native plants and trees have not been bothered by the rabbits and other little desert animals, though there are no fences.

They have several banana trees started, which of course are typically tropical trees and they seem to be doing very well. However, they have built up a slat inclosure to protect them from the wind and sun.

These people are particularly courageous in their gardening for they have to haul all of their water.

So, as I said once before, it does take lots of ambition, initiative and courage to grow things in this arid region.

Please keep the letters coming, several did write in this week and when I am on vacation, I hope to have these letters printed. Don't procrastinate, if you have a problem or if you have something to crow about, sit down now and write me in care of the Journal.

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